Legislation Text

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To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisor
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Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:
Consolidated Fee Hearing - Jail Booking Fee Effective July 1, 2020

Recommended Action:
Adopt a resolution setting the contingent Criminal Justice Administrative Fee (Jail Booking Fee) at $212.34 per applicable booking, effective July 1, 2020. This fee is only billable to arresting agencies if the State does not fully fund the County's booking fee revenue allocation through Public Safety Realignment in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Executive Summary:
Government Code Section 29551 authorizes the County to collect a Criminal Justice Administrative Fee, or jail booking fee, only if State Public Safety Realignment revenue allocated for this purpose is less than $35 million statewide (Sonoma County's share is $791,066) in a given fiscal year. While the County anticipates statewide Public Safety Realignment funding in Fiscal Year 2020-21 will meet the $35 million threshold, per the Governor's Proposed Budget released on January 10, 2020, approval of this fee would allow the County to bill arresting agencies for the difference based on the percent of the shortfall. The Board of Supervisors is requested to increase the Jail Booking Fee from $204.17 to $212.34 (an increase of $8.17, or 4.0%, over Fiscal Year 2019-20).

Discussion:
Booking Fee Adjustment Calculation
Assembly Bill 1805 amended Government Code Section 29550, and added GC Sections 29551 and 29552, to address the costs associated with booking arrestees of other agencies into county jails. Pursuant to this new legislation, if the State appropriates (in Fiscal Year 2007-08 and annually thereafter) $35 million in the Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Subaccount (part of the Local Law Enforcement Services Account, Local Revenue Fund 2011) to directly fund counties for the cost of jail bookings, a county may not levy a booking fee. In accordance with GC Section 29552, Sonoma County's apportionment of the total annual $35 million budgeted statewide is $791,066. However, if in subsequent years, less than the full $35 million is allocated in the state budget for all counties, local arresting agencies would be required to pay the portion of the booking fee equal to the proportion that the appropriated amount is less than $35 million, as long as the Board maintains and updates this fee.

The Jail Booking Fee is statutorily set with annual increases limited to the California Consumer Price Index, plus 1.0%. This methodology has been in place since 2006, and is established in Government Code Section

29551. The California Department of Finance aggregates Bureau of Labor Statistics data and publishes annual Consumer Price Index increases for the entire state. Based on the State's data published January 2020, the year-over-year statewide CPI increase for calendar year 2019 was 3.0%. The 2019 CPI data set, "Calendar Year Averages from 1950", is attached to this summary report, and also published on the Department of Finance's website (<http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Economics/Indicators/Inflation/>). After factoring in the additional 1.0% increase allowed above the 3.0% CPI inflation, the overall proposed fee increase for Fiscal Year 2020-21 equates to 4.0%.

Prior Board Actions:
May 14, 2019: Board adopted resolution updating the Jail Booking Fee for FY 2019-20.
May 8, 2018: Board adopted resolution updating the Jail Booking Fee for FY 2018-19.
May 9, 2017: Board adopted resolution updating the Jail Booking Fee for FY 2017-18.
April 26, 2016: Board adopted resolution updating the Jail Booking Fee for FY 2016-17.
Each year since FY 1990-91 the Board has set the Jail Booking Fee.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	**FY 19-20 Adopted**	**FY20-21 Projected**	**FY 21-22 Projected**
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:
This fee is only billable to arresting agencies if the state does not fully fund the booking fee allocation through Public Safety Realignment.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	**Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)**	**Additions (Number)**	**Deletions (Number)**

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:
1) Resolution establishing Jail Booking Fees for Fiscal Year 2020-21
2) Fee Cover Page
3) Jail Booking Fee Calculation Worksheet
4) Consumer Price Index

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:
None